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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 10880

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SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 10794 (DTG 051216Z NOV 75); (B) AMMAN
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1. ON NOVEMBER 6 WE TOLD GENERAL TOUFANIAN THAT WE UNDER-
STOOD IIAF MIGHT BE PLANNING TO SEND F-5AS TO JORDAN FOLLOWING
WEEK. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HE COULD URGE IIAF TO DELAY
DELIVERY UNTIL U.S. HAD HAD TIME TO PROCESS REQUEST.
RECALLED AGAIN THAT WE NEEDED A LIST OF SPARES AND MUNITIONS
THAT MIGHT ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT. HE AGREED TO CHECK INTO
MATTER.

2. ON NOVEMBER 9, TOUFANIAN TELEPHONED EMBOFF TO SAY THAT
NO SPARES OR MUNITIONS WOULD BE SENT WITH AIRCRAFT TO
JORDAN. IIAF WISHED TO SEND AIRCRAFT ON NOVEMBER 11.
TOUFANIAN RECALLED THAT HE HAD INFORMED US OF IRANIAN PLANS
TO TRANSFER AIRCRAFT TO JORDAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. WE
MADE STRONG PLEA FOR DAYAY UNTIL WASHINGTON AGENCIES
HAD HAD TIME TO DEAL WITH REQUEST. AFTER CONSIDERABLE
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DISCUSSION, TOUFANIAN AGREED TO TELL IIAF THAT DELIVERY

SHOULD BE DELAYED ONE WEEK.

3. BELIEVE THAT WE ARE AGAIN VICTIMS OF LACK OF COORDINATION WITHIN IRANIAN ARMED FORCES ON QUESTION OF ARMS TRANSFERS. UNTIL TODAY TOUFANIAN BELIEVED SINCERELY, WE THINK, THAT F-5S WOULD GO TO JORDAN AT A MUCH LATER DATE.

4. AS STATE AND DOD ARE AWARE, WE ARE CURRENTLY FACED WITH SEVERAL DIFFICULT ISSUES IN OUR BI-LATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH IRANIANS, INCLUDING ISSUES IN MILITARY FIELD. FULLY APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSFER ISSUE, BUT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN OUR BEST INTERESTS AT THIS TIME TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, I.E., IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.
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